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V
WIGAN ATHLETIC

Tuesday, August 26th, 1980

Kick-off 7-30 p.m.



Nobby's notes

AWAY GOALS COULD COUNT DOUBLE

TONIGHT we welcome Wigan Athletic for their first ever visit to Deepdale for the second round of the F.A. League Cup. This is rather a busy period for us, with tonight's game being our fourth in eleven days. But at this time of the year we can more easily absorb a tight schedule because having just finished our pre-season training we are in peak condition.

We could hardly have had four different sets of opponents than we have had for our opening matches.

First of all we had Bristol City who had come down from the 1st Division followed by Grimsby who had come from the 3rd. After those two we faced West Ham who are their 3rd season in the 2nd and finally we have come up against Wigan from the 4th Division. It's as though we have played teams from all four divisions.

That doesn't mean that we have approached any of the games differently. As I have often said before all games are hard and we have treated

each one with the same professionalism, so tonight's match is no exception.

In fact we'll be trying even harder tonight because we're playing a side from the 4th and we've got to be on our mettle. Although Wigan are from the lower reaches, they will be no pushover; they work at their game and try to play football, while Ian McNeil is one of the shrewdest managers in the game. Whilst some other small Lancashire clubs have been demoted, such as Southport and Barrow,

from the League in recent years Wigan have come into it and achieved an awful lot. They could even become another derby fixture in time!

In last year's League Cup we went out in the second round to Birmingham over two legs, but this time we'll be aiming to go further. The new system of counting away goals double in the event of a draw is in force so we'll be going for as many goals as possible tonight.

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Controversial Corner

by DAVID BRADSHAW

THE recent soccer think-tank's proposals for improving the game has set off plenty of discussion amongst fans whether at factory bench, office desk or board room. In general the suggestion to reduce the number of league clubs has not been a popular one since every fan of a club in the lower divisions realises that his club could be one of those to go. On the other hand the idea of greater regionalisation must be at least thought about since transport costs for fans as well as teams are proving more and more burdensome.

POINTS FOR GOALS

The more spectacular suggestions include those to make a win worth three points instead of two. This may have its merits, but it would only partly solve the problem of dull matches. Whereas some teams are now satisfied with a draw, others hang on grimly to a 1-0 lead and these presumably would qualify for the three points. Would it not make more sense to keep the two points for a win, but then add a bonus point for a 3-goal margin and two points for a 6-goal

margin. We rarely have large scores nowadays and more sophisticated defensive work is only part of the answer. Some teams never score more than one or two goals because even when they are winning these are often enough.

The proposals recognise lack of excitement for fans as one of the major problems in soccer, but incentives for more goals would only partly improve the situation. Could there not be something done to guarantee the fans more actual playing

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time, say 30 minutes per half during which the ball is actually in play with an independent timekeeper stopping his watch whenever the ball went out or there was any other stoppage.

DEFENSIVE WALLS

Could not the fans be given a real thrill too whenever a free-

kick was awarded by banning defensive walls? This would remove some of the injustice of a player tripping an opponent outside the penalty area and thereby saving an almost certain goal. And what about the offside law? This causes more frustration than almost any other single aspect of the game. Could it not be limited to, say, an area contained by the touchlines and a new line drawn across the field 30 yards from goal.

For surely what the fans want is less whistle, more fast open play, more shots at goal and therefore more goalmouth thrills. And with money so tight nowadays fans may soon be insisting that they will pay for nothing less.

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SECOND ENCOUNTER

by Geoff Allman

BRISTOL City probably felt quite satisfied to have picked up a point here when they heard that the other two newly-relegated clubs had lost their opening games. Derby County, who have just transferred GERRY DALY to Coventry City, crashed 3-0 at Cambridge while Bolton lost 2-1 at Notts County's Meadow Lane, a ground on which they had not lost on any of their previous five visits.

In both games a striker names Christie played a prominent part. County's former Leicester man TREVOR CHRISTIE finding the net against Bolton and DERRICK CHRISTIE, Cambridge's former Northampton man, got two against Derby.



DRAW EXPERTS

Bristol Rovers will be popular with treble chance punters if they

maintain their present sequence for both legs of their League Cup tie against Exeter and their opening league match against Orient ended in 1-1 draws.



Orient had the unusual experience of playing against both Bristol clubs on successive Saturdays, having beaten Bristol City in the Anglo-Scottish Cup a week earlier. Even more strange was the fact that in the course of three games Orient beat First Division City, drew with Second Division Rovers and lost to Third Division Fulham.

NAMES

Reporters at Stamford Bridge on Saturday had their problems with PETER RHOADES-BROWN scoring on his debut for Chelsea against Wrexham.

Hyphenated names were at one time

relatively frequent in cricket lineups, but rare in soccer, but in the last decade IAN STOREY-MOORE has played for Nottingham Forest and Manchester United and even for England and FORBES PHILIPSON-MASTERS has played for Southampton. Before being



forced out of the game prematurely through injury Ian dropped the first part of his surname to become simply Ian Moore and it will be interesting to see whether Chelsea's young striker ultimately becomes Peter Brown.

TOP SCORERS

First contender for the position of leading Second Division scorer is Watford's MALCOLM POSKETT, who on successive Saturdays has netted twice each against Millwall in the League Cup and Swansea in Division Three.

Luton sharpshooter DAVID MOSS, who netted 24 goals last season, has also made a good start by converting two penalties in his side's shock 2-1 win at West Ham.



Meanwhile Wrexham's DIXIE McNEIL, who started the season with a career tally of 219 league goals, made it 220 on Saturday in his side's 2-2 draw at Chelsea. Only Blackpool's new player-coach TED McDOUGALL and

Sunderland's 'POP' ROBSON of players currently figuring in league football have scored more than Dixie.



Of teams just promoted from Division Three Grimsby Town have made an uncertain start with a draw at Shrewsbury in their opening league game and going out of the League Cup to Notts County, but Sheffield Wednesday have made a good start with a win over much-fancied Newcastle and Blackburn delighted their fans with a 2-1 win at Cardiff, particularly as their goals came from NOEL BROTHERSTON and ANDY CRAWFORD, the two players who were said to be unsettled during the close season.

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Wigan
Athletic

WIGAN have fully justified their election to the Football League by finishing in sixth place in each of their first two seasons in Division Four and a little cup glory will not come amiss to them as they seek to sustain an even more serious promotion challenge this season.

CUP GLORY

Our older fans will of course remember the old Wigan Borough team that resigned from the Football League early in season 1931/2. The new Wigan Athletic was founded in 1932 and they proceeded to win the Lancashire Combination four times, the Cheshire League four times and the Northern Premier League twice. They also earned a fair amount of F.A. Cup glory in the 70's with a narrow 1-0 defeat at Maine Road during Gordon Milne's time as manager and a win

over York and Sheffield Wednesday in 1977/8. These latter wins were probably vital in clinching their election in place of Southport in 1978 at what was their 24th attempt.

PROMOTION
CONTENDERS

In both of the last two seasons they have recovered from a bad start to establish a place amongst the leading clubs. At one stage last season promotion seemed very much on for they were unbeaten in a league game from the end of October to the beginning of March, but a home defeat by Newport and another point dropped at Springfield Park to Tranmere a few weeks later seemed to destroy something of their rhythm and they ended up seven points short.

THIS SEASON

Manager Ian McNeill, a one-time

Election
Fully
Justified

Leicester player, is now in his second spell with the club and he has augmented the team's strength this season by signing BOBBY HUTCHINSON and LAWRENCE TIERNEY



Tommy Gore

from Hibernian and striker JIM OLIVER from Morton while promising young DAVID TATT has linked up from Burnley.

It is long-serving midfielder TOMMY GORE (scorer of the goal that put Chelsea out of the F.A. Cup last season) who has taken most of the headlines so far with a total of three goals in the two cup games against Crewe. He is one of several 'survivors' from Wigan's non-league days though he had a short spell with Tranmere early in his career.

EXPERIENCE

Our former goal-keeper JOHN BROWN is still giving very good service in goal and key figure in the back line is COLIN METHVEN, signed last season from East Fife. DAVID FRETWELL had nearly ten years experience with Bradford City before

moving last season while on the opposite flank MAURICE WHITTLE played over 300 games for Oldham. NEIL DAVIDS, who usually occupies a sweeping role, had short spells with Leeds, Swansea and Norwich earlier in his career while FRANK CORRIGAN in midfield made his league debut for Walsall but reached Wigan via Northwich Victoria.

Like Frank, JEFF WRIGHT, a one-time Netherfield man, and TONY QUINN are survivors from non-league days while DON McMULLEN is a newcomer to the number seven shirt this season.

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In the very first season of the competition, 1960/1 we beat Gillingham 3-0 here after a 1-1 draw at their Priestfield Stadium. In the following season we beat Aldershot 3-1.

In 1964/5, however, we went out 1-0 at Doncaster in a second round game. 1966/7 saw us beating Crewe 2-0 here and in 1970/1 we won 1-0 at Stockport. In 1971/2 we won 2-0 at Barrow in what was the latter's last season in league football, but a year later we lost a first round match 1-0 at Workington to another club whose Football League days were numbered.

Our most recent Football League Cup encounter with a Fourth Division side was in 1974/5 when we beat Rochdale 1-0 with a MEL HOLDEN goal in the first round, but then went out 1-0 at Chester in the third round to a side destined to carry the Fourth Division banner into the semi-final.

All of which means that of eight previous ties against Fourth Division opposition we have won six and lost two. We have, however, slipped up on a number of occasions against Third Division teams and Wigan, who put out Tranmere last season before going out to Luton, will not be treated lightly tonight.



STAR VISITOR



BIG, strong and hungry for goals - these are the credentials that make Peter Houghton one of the most dangerous strikers in Division Four. His ability in this direction first attracted attention when, often after doing a night shift at Ford's Hailwood plant he would turn out for South Liverpool the following day.

South Liverpool were then near the bottom of the Northern Premier League and he jumped at the opportunity of joining Wigan in 1977/8 since they were near the top of the same league. He ended that season with a total of 20 goals and at this stage Wigan were elected to the Football League.



PETER HOUGHTON

netting a hat-trick against Port Vale.

His tally for that first Football League season was 14 and he topped that figure by two last season. Several of these like the equaliser at Portsmouth in January were vital in earning points for his side in really tight matches.

Scoring Makes Him Happy

Could Peter carry his goalscoring flair into this higher grade of football? Ian McNeill gave him the chance, but Peter drew a blank in his first three games. Then he came back in mid-November with a goal at Newport and two

more a week later against Reading. In the following March and April he scored four games in a row and capped it all by

He didn't manage to score in the first round League Cup games against Crewe, but this wholehearted forward who is a strong finisher with both head and feet will be anxious to mark his first visit to Deepdale by finding the net.



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ODD HAPPENINGS

GAMES are more readily called off today than once was the case but many of our older fans will probably have vivid memories of games that were affected by fog and of which they saw comparatively little.

Never, however, have so many people seen so little of a game than on an October day in 1945.

Though Divisional football was not resumed for another season things were gradually getting back towards normal in that 1945/6 season and huge crowds flocked to sporting events after six years of austerities. There was therefore particular interest in the visit of Moscow Dynamos, the first ever Russian football team to visit this country. An estimated 85,000 saw their opening match at Stamford Bridge and the 3-3 draw there

coupled with a 10-1 win at Cardiff a few days later combined to give their game against Arsenal who were then playing home matches at White Hart Lane the attraction of a European Cup final.

The match would have been odd enough without the fog, for Arsenal fielded several guests including Stoke's Stanley Matthews and Blackpool's Stanley Mortensen and the Russian press publicised the fact that Dynamo were taking on an international team. But what was odder of all was that the Russian referee Nikolai Latychev ordered the game to go on even though visibility was no more than ten yards. He then patrolled one touchline while the two British linesmen covered the other between them.

To make things worse for Arsenal their young goalkeeper Wyn Griffiths was kicked on the head when trying to save Dynamo's opening goal and played on in daze until replaced by Q.P.R.'s Harry Brown at half-time.

Arsenal, however, led 3-2 at half-time and a contemporary report claims that a Russian-speaking spectator heard the Soviet manager tell the referee to call the game off unless Dynamo got into the lead. In fact, helped by the referee ignoring the offside rule, they finally won 4-3. Strangest of all they had twelve men on the field for the last 20 minutes of the game, both the substitute Archangeleski and the injured Trofimov staying on.

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LAWS AND LAWS

LAW five governs the duties and powers of referees. His authority is said to commence as soon as he enters the field of play, but in actual fact misconduct by players or officials can still be reported by him if it occurs before he takes the field or even afterwards. Two seasons ago Birmingham's Mark Dennis was reported to the F.A. for a remark he is alleged to have made as he entered the dressing room after a game and a few years ago Wolves' Jim McCalliog was suspended for comments made to a referee after a match in which he had not been playing.

The referee can of course take action against offences committed when the ball is out of play and to some spectators it may sometimes seem that the referees and linesmen do not see as many off the ball incidents as they might. This aspect has not proved as irksome to players and spectators however as the part of the law which states that 'on points of fact connected with the play his decision shall be final as far as the result of the match is concerned'. Most of us have a few recollections of goals that technically should not have been allowed (e.g. the one by Spurs against Huddersfield after Eddie Bailey had played the ball twice in succession in taking a corner) and others when an offside decision has been made because the referee failed to realise that a player was 'played on' by an opponent.

Then there is the case of the advantage rule whereby a referee may at his own discretion decline to penalise a foul when it would seem to be penalising the defending side. Sometimes the referee will allow a game to proceed after a foul only to find that in the outcome the apparent advantage proved to be an illusion. On the other hand a referee who doesn't play the 'advantage' rule will seem to be needlessly holding up the game.

And talking of hold-ups the referee is sole arriter of time and this leads to a number of arguments about referees who seem to have added on too much or too little time. Since he has so many other matters to think about some fans would favour the appointment of an independent timekeeper. In general, however, referees seem to regard such an appointment as a possible threat to their absolute authority.

And this absolute authority is most evident in a referee being empowered to suspend a game when he deems it desirable. He can also of course send off any player guilty of consistent misconduct, violent play or foul language. The dividing line between such conduct and that of the 'misconduct or ungentlemanly behaviour' which is to be punished by a 'caution' (yellow card) is not clearly defined, however, and one suspects several times in the course of a season that offences which are punished by a yellow card by one referee may incur a red card with another.)

Another problematic area is that with regard to injuries. A player slightly injured has to wait until a normal stoppage in a game occurs before he can receive attention. Only if a player is thought by the referee to be seriously injured should the game be stopped immediately. What's more, treatment should normally be given off the field. Here again the referee has a virtually impossible task and most of us can think of instances when a seriously injured player has had to wait for minutes before receiving attention while at other times a player who has given a drama to exaggerate a slight injury has been given attention immediately.

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In Saturday's programme I asked you to name the nine offences that a referee would award a direct free kick or penalty kick for. In retrospect it was a difficult question to answer, particularly as this law has been amended for the coming season. The amendment concerns the offence of spitting.

For some time referees have been instructed to treat spitting or other unseemly behaviour as violent conduct. This means he would be ordered off the field of play.



The amendment to the laws instructs the referees not only to treat spitting as violent conduct, but if a player intentionally spits at an opponent the referee must award a direct free kick or penalty kick against his team. Spitting at an opponent is to be treated in the same light as striking an opponent.

To answer the question then, a referee would award a direct free kick or penalty kick if a player intentionally commits any of the following offences.

1. Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent or SPITS AT HIM.
2. Pushes an opponent.
3. Holds an opponent.
4. Trips an opponent.
5. Jumps at an opponent.
6. Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent.



7. Charges an opponent from behind.
8. Charges an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner.

9. Handles the ball (excepting goalkeepers).

Remember the most important thing the offence committed must have been intentional. Having a sense of humour, I like stories that concern referees, this one is true and concerns a player and referee from one of the local leagues.

The ball went out of play for a throw in. The referee told the players which team would take the throw. A player of the other team picked up the ball to throw it in. The referee seeing what was happening shouted THE OTHER WAY. The player turned towards the crowd and took the throw in facing the crowd. Everyone laughed apart from the referee, he booked the player concerned. No sense of humour some people!!



If you have any amusing stories particularly involving referees please let me have them. c/o The Secretary, Preston North End.

Laws of the Game
Question: Name the three offences that a referee would send a player off the field of play.

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